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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31--- Cranberries and Newtown apples from Santa Cruz county still head the list as Best Buys in fruit.

Imperial Valley grapefruit is a Good Buy.

Lemons and Fuerte avocados have come down in price sufficiently to be a Fair Buy, along with D'Anjou and Comice pears from Santa Clara county and loose-pack dates from Coachella Valley.

Best Buys from the vegetable bin continue to be cauliflower and parsnips.

In the Good Buy class are cabbage, Banana and Hubbard squash, artichokes, and broccoli.

Fairly Good Buys include Bell peppers, spinach, sweetpotatoes, carrots, and tomatoes (Mexican and Florida).

Trading has been only fair in the San Francisco wholesale meat market. Quality of beef has been mostly of Commercial to Good grades; Good and Choice veal has been in very limited supply; and the slaughter of lamb has been very light. With the exception of a \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight price advance on pork carcasses and pork loins, prices have held unchanged from a week ago.

Prices have advanced 1-cent per pound on top grades of butter as the result of an improved local demand and higher prices in eastern and mid-western markets. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 67-1/2 to 70 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) is unchanged from a week ago at a quotation of 66 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Although western butter production for the week ended January 26 dropped 5 percent below the previous week, it was still 19 percent above a year ago.

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There is little change in the egg market from a week ago. Prices are unchanged. Grade "A" Large eggs are still quoted to retailers at 42 to 43 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums at 40 to 41 cents per dozen; and Grade "A" Smalls at 38 to 40 cents per dozen in cartons. Generally, supplies are adequate for demand, although in some cases medium and small sizes have been in light supply and short of full needs.

Demand has improved in the wholesale poultry market, especially for colored fryers, roasters and hens. Supplies are adequate for the most part. Prices have advanced 2 cents per pound on dressed weights of light fryers, and have gone up 1-cent per pound on dressed weights of large fryers, roasters, and rabbits. All other classes are unchanged in price from a week ago.

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